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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24: STATE OF PLAY

REF: USUN 3647 AND 3648

1. ON AUGUST 14 THE COMMITTEE OF 24 HEARD PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER JUAN MARI BRAS, PUERTO RICAN PEACE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE NOEL COLON MARTINEZ, AND BRIEF REMARKS BY CUBAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ALARCON. NO RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO WAS INTRODUCED. COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN SALIM ANNOUNCED THAT HE EXPECTED A RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO TO BE INTRODUCED MORNING OF AUGUST 15 AND HOPED THAT DISCUSSION COULD BE COMPLETED AUGUST 15 SO THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, OR TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

2. WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY SEPARATE CABLE A SUMMARY OF THE REMARKS MADE BY JUAN MARI BRAS, NOEL COLON MARTINEZ, AND ALARCON.

3. CHILEAN MISSION OFFICER (HOLGER) REPORTED TO US THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 IS OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO (TRANSMITTED IN USUN 3648). IN PARTICULAR, THE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONGO ARE OPPOSED TO PARAGRAPH 5 (OBSERVER STATUS) AND PARAGRAPH 6 (VISITING MISSION.) HOLGER STATED THAT THE CUBANS ARE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON AUGUST 15.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THE ADDITIONAL TIME WHICH DELAYED INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES US VALUABLE TIME FOR NECESSARY LOBBYING BOTH HERE AND IN CAPITALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, AN AMENDED, TONED-DOWN VERSION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE SUCCESSFULLY.
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